

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 42nd Anniversary of Bangladesh Independence

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the people of this State acknowledge significant milestones of historical importance; the Independence of Bangladesh is such an event; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to join with fellow Bengali citizens to commemorate the 42nd Anniversary of the declaration of independence from Pakistan; it is also the 66th Anniversary of the decision of Britain to withdraw from the subcontinent of India, leading to the formation of West Pakistan and East Pakistan, now Bangladesh; and

WHEREAS, On this special occasion, we honor the words of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: "Today Bangladeshi is a sovereign and independent country...The Bengalis are fighting with great courage for an independent Bangladesh. May God aid us in our fight for freedom. Joy Bangla."; and

WHEREAS, The worldwide community of Bengali people continually demonstrates their contribution to the arts, sciences, medicine, industry and technology continuing to show a resilience and fortitude which are hallmarks of democracy; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Bangladesh Independence Day reminds us of the ancient culture which has emerged as one of the foremost examples of the integration of various religions, languages and cultures to realize a Nation which incorporates varied backgrounds and histories to provide for an independent Nation colonized for two centuries; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York recognizes the accomplishments of the Bengali people around the world and commends the integrity of the citizens of Bangladesh and their perseverance in their fight for independence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 42nd Anniversary of Bangladesh Independence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Embassy of Bangladesh.